

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicants submit the attached replacement drawings.

Attachments: five (5) sheets of replacement drawings.

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 40-43 are independent claims. Claims 4-7, 11, 13, 16, 19-21, 27, 31 and 37 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Modifications to Specification

Applicants have amended paragraph [0013] of the specification as originally filed on January 23, 2005 to correct a minor typographical error.

Applicants have amended paragraph [0016] of the specification as originally filed on January 23, 2005 to correct a minor inconsistency.

Applicants have amended paragraphs [0019] and [0020] of the specification as originally filed on January 23, 2005 to correct minor inconsistencies.

Applicants have amended paragraph [0025] of the specification as originally filed on January 23, 2005 to correct minor typographical errors.

Applicants have amended paragraph [0027] of the specification as originally filed on January 23, 2005 to correct a minor inconsistency.

Applicants have amended paragraph [0030] of the specification as originally filed on January 23, 2004 to correct a minor inconsistency.

Applicants have amended paragraph [0037] of the specification as originally filed on January 23, 2004 to correct a minor inconsistency.

Applicants have amended paragraph [0040] of the specification as originally filed on January 23, 2004 to correct a minor inconsistency.

Applicants have amended paragraph [0041] of the specification as originally filed on

January 23, 2004 to correct minor typographical errors.

No new matter has been added to the specification as result of these changes.

Changes to the Drawings

Applicants enclose replacement sheets for Figs. 1, 2, 5, 10A-10B, and 13 to correct minor inconsistencies.

Support for the modification to Fig. 1 can be found in paragraph [0013] of the specification as originally filed (paragraph [0028] of the U.S. Patent Application Publication).

Support for the modification to Fig. 2 can be found in paragraph [0014] of the specification as originally filed (paragraph [0029] of the U.S. Patent Application Publication).

Support for the modification to Fig. 5 can be found in paragraph [0021] of the specification as originally filed (paragraph [0036] of the U.S. Patent Application Publication).

Support for the modification to Figs. 10A-10B can be found in paragraph [0030] of the specification as originally filed (paragraph [0045] of the U.S. Patent Application Publication).

Support for the modification to Fig. 13 can be found in paragraph [0037] of the specification as originally filed (paragraph [0052] of the U.S. Patent Application Publication).

Applicants respectfully assert that none of the changes discussed herein raise new matter.

Minor Changes to the Claims

Applicants made minor, non-narrowing amendments to dependent claims 4-7, 11, 13, 16 19-21, 27, 31 and 37. No new matter has been added as a result of these claim amendments.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-44 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano, Reg. No. 35,094 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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